

Dear Incoming 3rd Graders,

This summer you will all read at least 3 books from the recommended reading list and complete 2 book reports. For the first book report, you are required to read The Magic Tree House book, Vacation Under the Volcano. This assignment is due and must be handed to your third grade teacher on the first day of school. For the second book report, you will read a chapter book of your choice. It is encouraged that you read as many books as you can over the summer!

We also ask you to review math skills through the IXL program. The skills you will need to focus on have been starred for you.

Please begin your summer reading early. Again, you all must read, The Magic Tree House Book #13 Vacation Under the Volcano this summer. To help you select additional books, there is a reading list below of suggested books. Some students find that they enjoy reading books by one author. Some students like to read mystery books, fantasy books, or historical fiction. The important thing is that all students need to read to sharpen their reading skills and to experience the pure joy of reading a good book.

Suggested Summer Reading List for Students Entering 3rd Grade:

Amelia Bedelia series by Peggy Parish
Black Lagoon Adventures by Mike Thaler
Frog and Toad series by Arnold Lobel
Arthur series by Marc Brown
Amber Brown series by Paula Danziger
Magic Tree House series by Mary Pope Osborne
Cam Jansen series by David A. Adler
Marvin Redpost series by Louis Sachar
Judy Blume books (Fudge, Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing)
A to Z Mysteries by Ron Roy
Judy Moody series by Megan McDonald
Spiderwick Chronicles by Tony DiTerlizzi and Holly Black
Geronimo Stilton series
Franny K. Stein series by Jim Benton
Bunnicula series by James Howe
Little House series by Laura Ingalls Wilder
Series of Unfortunate Events
Shiloh series by Phyllis Reynolds
Time Warp Trio series by John Scieszka
E.B. White books (Charlotte's Web, Stuart Little, Trumpet Swan)
Beverly Cleary books (Ralph S. Mouse series, Ramona series)
Mrs. Piggle Wiggle series by Betty MacDonald
The 39 Clues series by Kate DiCamillo
The Boxcar Children by Gertrude Chandler Warner
Third Grade Detectives by George Stanley
Nate the Great by Marjorie Weinman Sharmat
Shredderman series by Wendelin Van Draanen

Sincerely,
Corpus Christi School Third Grade Teachers

Name: _____

Magic Tree House Book Report

Title: Vacation Under The Volcano by Mary Pope Osborne

Where do Annie and Jack travel to? Setting? (where and when)

What is Jack and Annie's mission?

Who are some other characters they meet during their adventure?

What are some of the true facts Jack writes in his notebook?

1.

2.

3.

What did they learn from their adventure?

How do Annie and Jack get back home?

Did you like this story? Why or why not?

Magic Tree House Rubric

Please put a check mark on the lines.

Did I include where and when the story takes places? (Setting)	_____	/2pts.
Did I write two sentences explaining where and when the story takes place? (Setting)	_____	/2pts.
Did I accurately identify where and when the story takes place? (Setting)	_____	/2pts.
Did I write two sentences explaining Jack and Annie's mission?	_____	/2pts.
Did I accurately explain Jack and Annie's mission?	_____	/2pts.
Did I identify two characters that Jack and Annie met during their adventures?	_____	/2pts.
Did I write two sentences identifying two characters Jack and Annie met?	_____	/2pts.
Did I write 3 true facts that Jack wrote in his notebook?	_____	/3pts.
Did I write 3 sentences that Jack wrote in his notebook?	_____	/3pts.
Did I write what Jack and Annie learned from their adventure?	_____	/1pt.
Did I write a sentence of what Jack and Annie learned from their adventure?	_____	/1pt.
Did I write how Jack and Annie got home?	_____	/1pt.
Did I write a sentence about how Jack and Annie got home?	_____	/1pt.
Did I write if I liked the story? Did I explain why or why not?	_____	/2pts.
Did I uppercase names of specific people, places, and things?	_____	/2pts.
Did I uppercase the beginning of my sentences?	_____	/2pts.
Did I put a period, question mark, or exclamation point correctly at the end of my sentences?	_____	/2pts.

Final Score:

/32 points

DIORAMA BOOK REPORT

Choose a book of your choice at your level to create this book report. You will design a shoe box diorama related to your book.

- ❖ **INSIDE:** Choose an important scene from the book to create. Use materials from around your home to create a well-organized scene.

- ❖ **BACK OF BOX**

Write or type a one paragraph summary that summarizes the plot of the book. Make sure it includes the main problem and solution. **Also**, include 1 to 2 sentences describing the scene in your diorama. Glue onto the back of the box.


- ❖ **RIGHT SIDE:** Fill in the template and glue to the outside of the right side of the box.

Name:_____

TITLE OF BOOK:_____

AUTHOR:_____

Number of Pages:_____

Number of stars you would give (5 is the highest.) 

- ❖ **LEFT SIDE:** Fill in the template and glue to the outside of the left side of the box.

List at least 3 main characters and write one sentence about each.

MAIN CHARACTERS (3):

Remember: Proofread carefully to avoid errors. Your Diorama and written report must be neat!

DIORAMA BOOK REPORT RUBRIC

Name: _____

Name of Book: _____

Please put a check on the line.

Right Side: Did I include the Title, Author, number of pages and stars? _____ / 4 pts.

Left Side: Did I identify three main characters and include a sentence for each character? _____ / 6 pts.

Back Side: Did I include a 1 paragraph summary that describes the main problem and solution? _____ / 4 pts.

Did I include a 1-2 sentence description of the scene in my diorama? _____ / 2 pts.

Inside: Does my display reflect an important scene in the book? _____ / 10 pts.

Did I uppercase names of specific people, places, and things? _____ / 2 pts.

Did I uppercase the beginning of my sentences? _____ / 2 pts.

Did I put a period, question mark, or exclamation point correctly at the end of my sentences? _____ / 2 pts.

Overall, my diorama and written report is neat. _____ / 2 pts.

Final Score: _____ / 34 points